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# JACK DOYLE

## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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### **DOYLE WELCOMES AFRICAN WARTHOGS TO ZOO'S SUMMER COLLECTION**

County Executive Jack Doyle today welcomed two eighteen-month-old male warthogs to the Seneca Park Zoo to be exhibited through Labor Day. Almost full grown, the two brothers weighed in at 200 and 215 pounds, and were sent from the Philadelphia Zoo.

"Warthogs are sometimes called the worlds ugliest pigs," said Doyle. "With their facial warts, unruly hair and four tusks, we can see why. Still, bringing animals like these warthogs to our Zoo helps build respect and understanding of the importance of conserving and nurturing all wildlife," said Doyle. "Bringing in animals, such as the warthogs, on a temporary basis also provides expanded opportunities for the community to view wildlife they might otherwise not see."

This year's guest animal series is sponsored by: the Democrat & Chronicle, 10NBC-WHEC Television, the Wolf Group, and the Monroe County Parks Department. The warthogs are joined by a collection of pigs, some on loan from Lollypop Farm.

#### **FACTS OF INTEREST**

Native to Africa, south of the Sahara, warthogs prefer dry, sandy country that is thinly forested and has plenty of thickets. They can often be found kneeling on their front legs while grazing or digging for bulbs, roots and tubes. Blueberries are their favorite treat. While these animals have exceptional senses of hearing and scent, their eyesight is very bad. Even though male warthogs can weigh over 200 pounds, they can run at speeds up to 35 miles per hour. Warthogs are Africa's version of a wild pig compared to domestic pigs in the U.S. and also Vietnamese pigs. The species is not endangered and their average life expectancy is 12 to 13 years.

The Seneca Park Zoo hosts between 400,000 and 500,000 people annually making it the most popular family attraction in the County.

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